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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 9683/98
Serial No. 10/037,293	Filing Date December 21, 2001	Examiner TBD	Group Art Unit 2152
Inventor(s) Shuji Sasaki et al.			
Title of Invention SETTLEMENT PROCESSING METHOD AND SETTLEMENT PROCESSING SYSTEM			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in dup), Form PTO 1449, citations B1-B3, and return postcard.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Shuji Sasaki et al. ) Examiner: TBD  
Serial No.: 10/037,293 ) Group Art Unit No.: 2152  
Filing Date: December 21, 2001 )  
For: SETTLEMENT PROCESSING )  
METHOD AND SETTLEMENT )  
PROCESSING SYSTEM )

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**FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the

Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<b>Patent No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Country</b>
(1) 396314	10/2/2000	Taiwan
(2) WO 99/18533	4/15/1999	WIPO
(3) 357302	5/1/1999	Taiwan

Applicants advise the Examiner that an Office Action was issued to a counterpart Taiwanese patent application. The Office Action cites above foreign patent documents (1) and (3). A copy of the Office Action and its English translation are also enclosed. Above foreign patent documents (1) and (3) are in Chinese. Applicants are submitting foreign patent document (2), which is the corresponding PCT publication of foreign document (1). Applicants are also submitting an English translation of foreign document (3).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be

deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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<b>LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR OFFICE APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> (use several sheets if necessary)	FILING DATE December 21, 2001	GROUP ART UNIT 2152
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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION**      **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	B1	396314	10/2/2000	Taiwan		Yes
	B2	WO 99/18533	4/15/1999	WIPC		Yes
	B3	357302	5/1/1999	Taiwan		Yes

EXAMINER INITIAL	<b>OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS</b> <small>(Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.)</small>

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